

COL. JOHN TAYLOR, of King George County, withdraws his name as a candidate for the State Senate, from the Prince William district. He returns his thanks to his friends for their good will towards him.

They had a jovial time of it on Christmas eve, when joined by some of our "devilish good fellows." The party of eight drank *forty-eight bottles of champagne*, (six bottles a piece,) and did not break the convivial circle until 7 o'clock in the morning. They attended the masquerade at the Varieties Theatre on the same evening, were very much pleased with what they saw and heard, and liked the free and easy way of doing things at our masquerades. Those of our acquaintances who have been honored with their consideration, represent them as ordinary looking and speaking men. *Love* in a *venetian* is said to do the *our-fair-weather* in a limited way. They may stay a week longer.—*St. Louis, Penn*

The value of buildings erected in Chicago the present year, is estimated at \$3,000,000.

be held in Australia.